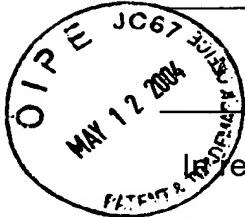


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Dear Sir:

Applicant informs the USPTO of a Written Opinion which may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application. This Written Opinion was issued in a corresponding International application. A copy of the Written Opinion which was dated February 24, 2004 is enclosed herewith. This information is submitted in compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97.

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**Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)**

The undersigned hereby states that the references enclosed herewith were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. (37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due in conjunction with the filing of this IDS. However, should the Commissioner determine that additional fees are required for filing the present Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our deposit account number 500388 (Order No. AUD1P008).

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